VSNL's Internet Service In Metros

2352. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of subscribers of VSNL's Internet service in all metros;

(b) whether the rate of internet subscribers of VSNL has decreased in the past years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The number of subscribers of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited's (VSNL's) Internet service in all metros as on 30th June, 2002, are as follows:

Location	Dial Up Customers	Leased Line Customers
Mumbai	222762	426
New Delhi	92998	286
Kolkata	71882	128
Chennai	91314	228

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

STD/ISD/PCO Booths in Assam

2353.SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of STD/ISD/PCO booths presently running in different districts of Assam;

(b) the number of booths proposed to be installed during 2002-2003;

(c) the details of the funds allocated for the purpose; and